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CCTV at Stations
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of CCTV cameras installed in railway stations, State-wise in last three years and the current year;

(b) the number of CCTV cameras likely to be installed in the next financial year;

(c) whether there has been a rise or decline in crimes committed on trains and railway stations in the last three years;

(d) if so, the State-wise details of the number of such cases registered and cases solved or action taken thereon during the above period; and

(e) the details of the steps taken by the Railways for the safety of passengers?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a) & (b): During last three years and the current year, 5367 close circuit television cameras (CCTV) have been installed by zonal railways in railway stations falling in different States, over entire network of Indian Railways. Zone-wise position is attached as Appendix I. Strengthening and upgradation of security infrastructure is an ongoing process. Based on the threat perception and to strengthen surveillance mechanism, requirement is assessed and CCTV cameras are installed by concerned zonal railways. At present, assessment of about 3700 CCTV cameras has been made. However, actual number will depend upon firming up of detailed estimates and due approvals at appropriate levels.

(c) to (e): Yes, Madam. There has been a rise in crimes committed on trains and at railway stations during the last three years. The Railway zone-wise details of crimes registered in trains and in premises and the number of cases detected/solved during the years 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016 (Up to January) are attached as Appendix II. Policing' on Railways is a State subject. Prevention of crime, registration of cases, their investigation in Railway premises as well as on running trains are the statutory responsibility of the State Police, which they discharge through Government Railway Police (GRP) of the State concerned. As such, the cases of crime on Railways are reported to, registered and investigated by the GRP. However, Railway Protection Force (RPF) supplements the efforts of GRP by deploying staff for escorting of important trains in affected areas and for access control duties at important and sensitive railway stations.
The following steps are taken by the Railways to improve safety and security of passengers:-
1. On vulnerable and identified routes/ sections, 2300 trains (on an average) are escorted by RPF daily, in addition to 2200 trains escorted by GRP of different States daily.
2. Integrated Security System comprising of CCTV, Access Control, Anti-sabotage checks, etc. has been sanctioned to strengthen surveillance mechanism over 202 sensitive Railway stations.
3. An All India Security Helpline 182 has been made operational to enable passengers to seek security related assistance round the clock.
4. The ladies special trains running in Metropolitan cities are being escorted by lady RPF constables.

5. The ladies compartments in sub-urban trains are being escorted by RPF and GRP during peak / non-peak hours. Staff deployment is made during late night and early morning in such trains to ensure proper security to the lady passengers.
RPF holds regular coordination meetings with State Police at all levels to ensure proper registration and investigation of crime by GRP.
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